THE CHRONICLE OF *WILLIAM* THE Son of *GEORGE*.

With all that passed at the BATTLE of *Tournay*; the mighty Acts of *W——k* the Prince, and *In———dsby* the Brigadier.

Put not your Trust in D——hmen, nor in the Sons of H——ll——d, in whom there is no Help. King DAVID.

By *DATHAN* the *Jew*, Physician to *Koningsegg* the Marshal.

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I.

NOW it came to pass, in the Days of GEORGE the Second, King of the Nations of *Great Britain*.

2.

That LEWIS, King of *France*, was at War with the Nations round about: For

he was an ambitious Prince, as all his Forefathers were; and he ſought to make himſelf greater than all the Kings of the Earth.

3.

Wherefore he made War againſt MARIA Queen of *Hungary*, and againſt many other great Princes of the Land of *Germany*; and he alſo fought againſt the King of *Sardinia*.

4.

Moreover he ſtirred up Nation againſt Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom; and the Terror of his Name was great, and Fear came upon all his Neighbours.

5.

But the Lord ſtirred up the Heart of GEORGE King of *Britain*, and his Anger was kindled againſt *Lewis*, and his Blood waxed hot within him; and he ſent Meſſengers to *Maria* Queen of *Hungary*, ſaying,

6. Fear

6.

Fear not, neither be thou diſmayed, for behold the Lord hath raiſed thee a Friend out of the midſt of the Waters, and from the *Iſles* ſhall he come forth to thine Aſſiſtance; and thou ſhalt ſtand before thine Enemy, and he ſhall not be able to prevail againſt thee: For the Lord humbleth the Proud, and bringeth the Counſel of the Wicked to nought.

7.

And *George* ſent Money to *Maria*, that ſhe might hire Soldiers to encreaſe her Army; moreover he put himſelf at the Head of his Men of War, and march'd into the Land of *Germany*: And the Forces of *George* joined themſelves unto the Forces of *Maria*, and the King of the *Britons* was Captain of the Hoſt.

8.

Then *Lewis* ſent forth one of his great Captains, whoſe Name was *Noailles*, and

he came out againſt *George* and put his Army in array againſt him at *Dettingen*.

9.

And the Lord deliver'd *Noailles*, and his Men, even the Flower of the Army of *Lewis*, into the Hand of *George*; and many periſhed by the Sword, and the Reſidue fled; and the Captains, and Generals of *Maria* purſued them, and drove them out of the Land of *Germany*.

10.

Moreover the *Huſſars*, and *Pandours*, and *Croatians*, and *Warradins*, and *Auſtrians*, and *Hungarians*, and many others that fought for *Maria*, paſſed over the *Rhine* and followed the Men of *Lewis* into their own Country, and plundered the Land, and returned home laden with great Riches.

11.

Howbeit, at the Return of the Year, at the Time when Kings go forth to Battle, it came to paſs, that *Lewis* gathered together another Army greater than the firſt.

And

12.

And he cauſed them to go up againſt the ſtrong Holds and the fenced Cities of *Maria*, to take, and to deſtroy, and to lay waſte.

13.

Now *George* King of *Britain* had a valiant Son whoſe Name was *William*, and he was trained in the Art of War from his Youth up, until he was twenty five Years old: and his Mother's Name was *Caroline*.

14.

And *George* ſpake unto the young Man, ſaying, thou art my Son, and Valour is with thee; as for me I am waxing in years and Age cometh upon me; therefore let me wear out the Reſidue of my Days, in *the Land of Peace*, and do thou go forth with the Men of War.

15.

As for *F*———*k*, he is thine elder B———r; and he ſhall be King after me; wherefore he ſtayeth at home, and giveth himſelf

himſelf up to the Study of *Matchiavel*, and *Puffendorf*, that ſo he may learn to rule wiſely, and to govern the Kingdom in Peace.

16.

And now, behold the King of *France* ceaſeth not to fight againſt us, and againſt the Cauſe which we have ſworn to defend: Now therefore ariſe, and gird on thy Sword, and go unto the Army which I have ſent into *Flanders*, and take the Command of the Hoſt into thine own Hand.

17.

Be ſtrong therefore, of good Courage, and acquit thee like a Man: AM NOT I THY FATHER?

18.

So *William* aroſe, and girt on his Sword, and went by the Way of *Holland*, which is alſo called the Land of the *Dutch*, and came unto the Army, and took the Command thereof.

19. And

19.

And the Men of *Lewis* aſſembled themſelves together near *Tournay*, in Number about fourſcore Thouſand; and they encamped before the City, and begirt it round about, and laid Siege unto it.

20.

Now *Tournay* belongeth to the *Dutch*, and ſtandeth on the Frontiers of their Country; and there was a Garriſon in the City.

21.

And *William* the Son of *George*, and *Koningſegg*, *Maria*'s General, and *Waldeck* the Prince, who commanded the Men of *Holland*, took counſel together, ſaying, behold the *French* beſiege *Tournay*; now therefore let us go up againſt them, that we may raiſe the Siege and deliver the City from the Hand of the Enemy.

22.

So they cauſed the Hoſt to advance towards *Tournay*, and in the Evening they pitched

pitched their Tents at a Place called *Bougnies*, which was ſo nigh unto the advanced Guards of the Enemy, that a Slinger might caſt a Stone from one Army to the other.

23.

And *Saxe*, the Captain of the Hoſt of the *French*, ſent Meſſengers unto *Lewis*, ſaying, I have encamped againſt *Tournay*, and have beſieged the City, and behold *William*, the Son of *George*, King of the *Britons*, is come up againſt me at the Head of his Father's Troops.

24.

Moreover he hath brought with him an Hoſt of *Dutchmen*, and *Hanoverians*, and *Auſtrians*, even the whole Army of the Allies: Howbeit, the Siege goeth on ſucceſsfully;

25.

Now therefore, come thou and take the City, leſt it be given unto me, and the Glory thereof unto my Name.

26. And

26.

And when *Lewis* heard theſe Things, he bade his Servants make ready, and they made ready his Coach, and he departed from *Verſailles*, and came unto the Hoſt.

27.

And when he arrived in the Camp, the whole Army ſhouted for Joy, and fired an hundred and fifty Pieces of Ordnance into the City, and burnt many Houſes, and deſtroyed the Temples of the Idols.

28.

Now it came to paſs, that immediately after *William* arrived with his Army at *Bougnies*, he went out into the Plain and took *Waldeck* and *Koningſegg* along with him; and theſe three Captains examined the Ground. and marked the Field of Battle.

29.

Then *William* lift up his Eyes, and behold the Men of *Lewis* had divided themſelves into ſmall Parties.

30.

And one Party hid themſelves in the Fields, and in the Woods, and under the Hedges; and theſe were called *Pandours*, and *Graſſins*, and they were covered by certain ſmall Squadrons, which were poſted before them.

31.

Another Party was alſo lodged in a certain Village called *Veſon*; and theſe were likewiſe covered by Detachments, placed at ſmall Diſtances one from the other.

32.

And another Party was lodged in a Village called *Fontenoy*; and there was yet another Village, which they conſumed with Fire; for they ſaid, leſt peradventure it ſhould be an Hindrance unto us, or leſt the Allies take Poſſeſſion of it: For it ſtood betwixt *Fontenoy* and the Army of *William*.

33. And

33.

And theſe ſeperate Parties were a ſore Hindrance to the Hoſt of the Allies, which could not get into the Plain, that was before the Camp of the *French*, until theſe Men were driven from their advanced Poſts.

34.

But when *William* ſaw this, he haſted, and choſe out of the Army twelve Squadrons and ſix Battalions, and five hundred Pioneers, and ſix Pieces of Cannon, and two Hawbitzers.

35.

And *William* ſaid unto them, behold the Enemies are diſperſed over the Face of the Country in ſmall Parties: now therefore go ye up againſt them, and drive them from their ſtrong Holds.

36.

And the Men did as they were commanded, and forced the *French* out of their Lodgments and their ſtrong Holds,

but

but the Village which is called *Fontenoy* did they not force, becauſe it was nigh unto the Camp. And this was done the ſame Evening that the Army came to *Bougnies*.

37.

Moreover *William* gave orders, ſaying, let the whole Army be ready to advance againſt the Enemy at the ſecond Hour of the Morning.

38.

And a certain Man anſwered him, and ſaid, behold there is a Village before us, which hath a Fort near the Wood mounted with Cannon, and the Enemy hath lodged five or ſix hundred Men in the Place.

39.

Then *William* ſpake unto one of the general Officers, who was called a Brigadier, and ſaid unto him, the Enemy hath about ſix hundred Men in the Fort near the Wood.

40.

Ariſe therefore and take with thee four Battalions of choſen Men, and three Pieces of Cannon, and poſſeſs thyſelf of this Fort, leſt, peradventure, it proveth a Thorn in our Sides.

41.

And the Brigadier anſwered and ſaid, *it ſhall be done*; and he went forth and took with him the Battalions and the Cannon: *Howbeit he attacked not the Fort.* And the Name of the Brigadier was *In——dſby.*

42

And when the Morning was come, the Son of *George* aroſe, and made ready for the Battle; and he ſpake unto one of the mighty Men of Valour, whoſe Name was *Campbell*, ſaying, thus, and thus, ſhall thou do, and thou ſhalt cover the Infantry of the Right Wing with three thouſand Horſemen, and extend the Squadrons along the Plain, even from the Wood, until thou comeſt to *Fontenoy.*

43. For

43.

For behold I have ſet *Ligonier*, a valliant and ſkilful General, over the Footmen in the right Wing; and thou ſhall be a Wall before him, that he may form the lines in ſafety.

44.

And behold a Cannon Ball ſmote *Campbell* and Shot off his Leg, and his Servants bare him to his Chariot, and he died therein, and was lamented by all that knew him: And there was none found to command in his ſtead, ſo that *Ligonier*, and his Men, were expoſed to the Fury of the Batteries.

45.

Howbeit the Wiſdom and Courage of *Ligonier* prevailed againſt the Batteries of the *French*; and he drew up his Men in two Lines, in the Front of the Battle.

46.

And *Waldeck* commanded the left Wing; and the Men of *Holland* were there

there. And *Waldeck* ſpake unto *William*, and unto *Koningſegg* ſaying, behold I will go up againſt the Enemy at *Fontenoy*; and they anſwered, do as thou haſt ſaid; ſo *William*, and *Koningſegg*, and *Ligonier*, and all the chief Captains of the *Hoſt* depended upon *Waldeck*.

47.

And ſtraightway *Ligonier* ſent an Aid *de Camp* unto *William*, ſaying, all Things are now ready, and, if thou approveſt it, I will cauſe the Battle to begin, at that Time *Waldeck* goeth up againſt *Fontenoy*.

48.

And M——r G——l *P******* ſaid unto *William*, the Time is come for *In——dſby* to attack the Fort near the Wood: Nevertheleſs he goeth not up.

49.

Then *William* ſent Meſſengers unto *In——by* ſaying, *wherefore goeſt thou not up againſt the Fort?* Howbeit he went not up yet.

49. And

50.

And *William* ſent other Meſſengers, and they told *In——by*, ſaying, *thus ſaith* WILLIAM *the Captain of the* Hoſt, *get thee up inſtantly, and attack the Fort, as thou wert commanded.* Albeit *In——by* went not up yet.

51.

And *Ligonier* alſo ſent Meſſenger after Meſſenger unto *In——by*, ſaying, wherefore doſt thou not deſtroy the Fort? ſeeſt thou not that the Hoſt is greatly annoyed by the Cannon of the Place, yea and the People are cut down, and fall in their Ranks, as the Graſs falleth before the Scythe of the Mower.

52.

But not withſtanding all this, *In——by never* went up.

53.

Then *Waldeck* marched againſt *Fontenoy*; but his evil Genius went with him

and

and he was discomfitted before the Village.

54.

Howbeit *William* put himself at the Head of his own Troops, and led them against the Host of the *Frenchmen*.

55.

But the Army of *Lewis* was superiour in Number to the Army of the Allies, for they had not more than fifty thousand Men that drew the Sword, and *Lewis* had fourscore thousand. Albeit there is a Report, that the King of *France* ventured not into the Battle.

56.

And the Son of *Lewis*, who is called the *Dauphin*, and *Saxe* the Captain of the Host, set the Battle in Array against *William*, and planted great Numbers of Cannon, and other Pieces of Ordnance and fired upon him and his Army e're they came up.

57.

Howbeit *William* and his Men were intrepid, and marched on through the Fire, and the Smoke, and the Tumult; and advanced within thirty Paces of the *French*, and the Battle began.

58.

And *Ligonier* did Wonders in the Field; and he, and his Men, that fought on Foot, bore down all before them; and terrible was the Slaughter on both Sides.

59.

And the Conflict was ſore againſt the *French*, and they retreated to their own Camp; and *William* was Maſter of the Field, and many began to exult, and to cry out *Victory!*

60.

When, lo! the Guns roared againſt them from the Heights of *Fontenoy*, and from

from the Fort near the Wood; and *William* and his Men were assaulted with cross Fires.

61.

Moreover the *French* rallied in their Entrenchments, and assaulted them in Front. Destruction fell on them on all Sides, and Horror encompassed them about: And, finally, the Victors were driven back.

62.

Howbeit the Army was again put in Order, by the Courage, and good Conduct, of *William* and *Koningsegg*.

63.

And the General encouraged the Soldiers, and they fell again upon the *French*, and drove them as before; and many fell by the Sword.

64.

But the Men of *Lewis* had the Advantage of Situation, as well as Numbers; yet the Meaſures and Diſpoſitions of *William* were formed with ſuch Wiſdom, and ſuch was his Courage, and ſo gallant were the Deeds of *Ligonier*; that Victory muſt, at length, have declared for the *Allies*; had it not been given unto the Men of *Lewis*, by the Tr——y and C——dice of the *D——ch*.

65.

Who being in the left Wing, came not not up to the firſt Attack, nor to the ſecond; yea they remained in their Places, and gave up *William* and the reſt of the Hoſt, to be overpowered and cut off by the Multitude of their Enemies.

66.

But the Lord delivered *William* in the Day of Battle, and the Army, retired in good Order. Albeit the Soldiers curſed

W——k

W———k and *In——by* and the Men of *H--ll--d.*

67.

And there fell of the People that Day, about four Thouſand *Britons*, and two Thouſand *Hanoverians*; and twelve Hundred Horſes.

67.

Howbeit the Loſs of the *French* was greater than the Loſs of the Allies: Nevertheleſs they remained in their Camp; and the City is beſieged unto this Day.

Here endeth the Firſt Book of the Chronicle of WILLIAM *the Son of* GEORGE.